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1. On 10 February 1952, air fighting was practiced at a very high altitude by MIG-15s over Finow airfield. The weather was favorable. [] 25X1
[] the zooming planes emitted 4 or 5 short smoke trails from the right and left sides of the tail to increase their speed.

2. On 11 February, the field was covered with 8 to 10 cm of new snow. Numerous Soviet soldiers were clearing the runway and taxiways with snow plows and shovels. About 50 jet fighters and 3 single-engine planes with radial engines, which were covered with tarpaulins, were parked on the northern edge of the field. A jet plane [redacted] was being readied for a take-off. It made a 7-minute flight at noon. *

3. On the morning of 12 February individual take-offs were made by the jet fighters. There was hazy weather with intermittent snow flurries. Single-engine planes with radial engines practiced flying in the afternoon. [] 25X1

* Comment. Hnaw airfield is occupied by two recently organized fighter regiments. The reported number of about 50 jet aircraft appears too high. An average of 30 jet planes have been observed since December 1951. It is not known whether other MiG-15s arrived in Hnaw after December. No observed shipments of aircraft crates for Hnaw. 25X1

*** Comment: The photograph shows that the plane has no weapons under its nose. A comparison of the photograph with available pictures of the MiG-15 indicate that the dimensions of the fuselage sections forward of the wings, the wing roots, and the fuselage sections aft of the wings are the same for both type planes. From this it is inferred that the type-29 plane has the same length as the MiG-15 and that the space for the second crew member was possibly obtained by reducing the size of the body tank. In this connection reference is made to the statement of a Russian in Litzstock that a jet plane with a two-man crew has a maximum flight endurance of 30 minutes, while the MiG-15 can stay in the air up to 60 minutes. 25X1

planes observed flying were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. [] not of the type-25 25X1

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